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Following a general soaking rain all over Umatilla county, crop experts declare that the grain crop is practically normal. Small yields were expected, due to a backward spring, but the prospects are now good for a 5,000,000-bushel wheat crop.

Grain crops throughout the state are advancing in good shape although there is a shortage of moisture in some sections according to the summary of weather and crop conditions for the week ending May 29 issued by the department of agriculture.

Reports received at the governor's office indicate that the state prohibition department is operating satisfactorily and that arrests and convictions have been numerous the past 60 days. The department was created at the last session of the legislature.

Charles Caldwell, employe at the Drager prune packing plant at Roseburg was injured when he was buried under a huge pile of prunes. He was shoveling dried fruit out of one of the large bins, when a portion of the top of the pile slid down and fell on him.

W. S. Workman, section foreman at Weatherby, was killed, and A. R. Bruce, signalman at Pocatello, Idaho, was seriously injured when a speeder in which they were returning to Weatherby was struck by westbound Oregon-Washington limited train No. 19, near Weatherby.

The Carlton & Coast Railroad company has resumed train operations, according to information received at the office of the public service commission. The railroad suspended operations a few months ago, pending the reconstruction of a number of bridges and other improvements.

Judge Bingham of the Marion county circuit court at Salem dismissed the case brought by S. R. Defendorf of Portland to restrain the secretary of state and state treasurer from issuing a certificate remitting to the city of Astoria its taxes for 1923, under an act of the last legislature.



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**Sherman County Has Fine
Crop Prospect This Year**

Present prospects are for a big wheat crop in Sherman county, according to Supt. D. E. Stephens of the local experiment station. Winter wheat was considerably earlier in heading this year than in 1922. It is also much more firmly rooted and looks better in general than at this time last year.

Winter wheat this season began to head on May 25th, while in 1922 it did not begin to head until June 7th. In 1921, when Sherman county as a whole had good crops, winter wheat at Moro started to head on May 27th, was fully headed on June 5th, and ripe enough to cut with a binder on July 4th. Winter wheat this season is just a little further advanced than at the same time in 1921 and was about twelve days earlier in heading than in 1922. There were no June rains of consequence in either 1921 or 1922, so that a wheat crop as good or better than that of 1921 may be safely predicted if weather conditions remain favorable during the next three weeks. June, 1921, was a cool month, there being only one day with a maximum temperature as high as ninety degrees. In 1922 there were seven days in June with maximum temperatures above ninety. Winter wheat yields this year will, of course, be considerably influenced by the daily temperatures and the precipitation during the next three weeks. Soil moisture tests made on the experiment station indicate that there is enough reserve moisture in the soil to mature the wheat crop properly under normal conditions.

The precipitation at Moro, according to the station's records, for the past three crop-years, or the ten month period, September to June, was as follows:

	Year	Year	Year
	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23
September	1.32	.51	.42
October	.62	.66	1.26
November	1.91	3.92	1.10
December	1.84	1.01	2.27
January	1.74	.50	2.18
February	1.78	.79	.81
March	.76	1.33	.56
April	.69	.38	1.28
May	.96	.09	.45
June	.50	.27	.26*
*to June 6th			
Total	12.12	9.46	10.59

W. O. Hadley, Mrs. Hadley, and their son Hugh, were visitors in Moro this Wednesday from The Dalles. Mr. Hadley was attending to legal affairs connected with the fish and game department; Mrs. Hadley was visiting with old-time friends, and Hugh was trying to reconstruct some of his boyhood recollections of times when the family lived in this city. Hugh Hadley is a graduate of Annapolis naval academy, serving on the battleship Pennsylvania, now stationed at San Francisco, with the rank of Ensign.

A. N. Rhodes, proprietor of the Bee Hive restaurant, and family, were visitors the first of the week at the home of his daughter in Wasco county near the mouth of the Deschutes river. Because of auto trouble, Mr. Rhodes was absent from Moro longer than intended. When starting to return to Moro, he stripped the gears of his auto. The accident forced the party to use wagon, train and auto as means of transportation home.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, Friday issued a check in the amount of \$38,795.53, representing the first half of taxes paid by the city of Astoria for the year 1923. This check was turned over to the Astoria officials under an act enacted at the last session of the legislature authorizing the state to remit the taxes paid by the fire-stricken city for a period of seven years.

News Items From Kent and Vicinity

Velma Brownlee is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Young.

G. W. Barnett and wife are visitors in this vicinity from The Dalles.

Arthur Holt arrived home Saturday and, he says, is feeling just fine.

W. A. Barnett and children spent Monday night here, leaving on Tuesday's train for Moro.

Roy Barnett and family went to The Dalles Saturday for a week-end visit with his brother George.

Frank Haynes and wife made the round trip to The Dalles, Friday, traveling by means of their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson came up Saturday from Airlie, Oregon, to visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Norton and family.

Mrs. Wm. Young left Monday for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. George Alsup at The Dalles and Mrs. Harry Honer at Hood River.

Uncle Ben Brown came in on Monday's train. He says he spent an enjoyable month with his daughter, Mrs. George Rider, in Portland.

Taking the changing weather conditions and the activity of Old Sol the past few days, into consideration, it is safe to predict that summer will soon be with us again.

W. S. Orcutt was seen on our streets one day last week. He was glad to observe that his health permitted him the opportunity to again visit his old home town.

A. L. Mottern and Clarence Snyder returned Saturday from Warm Springs. They say the place has the wrong name tacked to it. It should be Cold Springs, the way they say it.

George Sprout and daughter, from Vancouver, Washington, were here for a few days visit with relatives. Mr. Sprout is an uncle of George Howell, Mrs. Wm. Young, and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell.

Max Plunkie went to Portland by auto Thursday evening after his family, who have been visiting in that city. He returned in the wee sma' hours of Saturday. Miss Minnie Hogue accompanied the party on their return.

Our base ball boys had a kind heart Sunday, as usual. They let the visiting players from Centerville have the big end of the score. Now, listen, we're going over to Centerville next Sunday, just wait until we get back.

All members and friends of the Christian Sunday School of this city have been requested to assemble at the church building next Sunday morning promptly at the usual time. The occasion for the admonition is that the school will make a picnic visit to Buckholow.

D. E. Clark and family moved this week to Moro. Mr. Clark has been the popular manager of the Tumalum Lumber Co. yards at this place and goes to Moro as manager of the Tumalum Lumber Co. yards there. We're sorry to lose good friends, but glad to join with others in wishing them success in their new home.

Join the "Safety First" Campaign
Commencing June first, the safety section of the American Railway Association is staging an educational campaign for the prevention of railroad grade crossing accidents. The campaign will continue with vigor for four months. It is hoped that accidents at railroad crossings will not only be reduced to a minimum during these four months, but that the results afterward will reflect the benefits of the campaign.

In the United States in the past five years, 9,101 persons have been killed and 24,208 seriously injured on account of collisions between vehicles and trains, cars, or engines at crossings.

Millions of lithographed posters are being distributed throughout the country by the railroads which are members of the association. They picture graphically the terror of the occupants of an automobile about to be struck by a fast moving engine. A large number of these posters are being distributed in this vicinity. As the campaign progresses, monthly results will be compiled showing casualties during the period of the campaign as against the same months in 1921 and 1922.

Professor F. E. Fagan and family are expected to visit in Moro this week by Mrs. Fagan's parents, W. A. Young and wife. Mrs. Fagan will remain for an indefinite visit, but Mr. Fagan must hurry back to Woodburn, to supervise the harvesting of his berry crop which he has maturing on his acreage holdings at that place. Mr. Fagan is principal of the Woodburn schools and uses the acreage property as a stimulant to his teaching duties.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders in the United States Metal company in Spokane last week the erection of a \$90-ton mill for the Bay Hogue mine on Snake river in eastern Oregon was authorized. The plant will cost about \$125,000.

After a 13-day trial in a British Columbia court whose only claim to jurisdiction was the fact that one of the defendants had been served with a writ while visiting the province, the E. Clements Horst interests in San Francisco were awarded a judgment of \$151,694 against T. A. Linstead & Co. of Salem, for breach of contract.

**Large Attendance at 2nd
Annual Family Reunion**

The second annual round-up of the Thompson family was held at DeMoss Springs, Sunday May 27th. This family now number 125, of whom 91 are descendants of Chas. W. and Delilah Thompson, who came to Oregon from Iowa in 1875 and settled in the Willamette valley the fall of that year.

In July, 1883, a part of the family moved to eastern Oregon, settling near Moro, in what was then Wasco county, though a few years later, 1889, it became Sherman county. Others of the family came to Sherman county a few months later.

After ten years in eastern Oregon, the father, mother and one daughter moved to California, where the mother died in November of the same year. Her husband, Charles W. Thompson is still living at Pasadena, California. A letter from him was read at the reunion, in which he wrote that he regretted that he could not attend the family round-up. He says that although he is 91, he is going strong and expects easily to reach the century mark.

The sons and daughters of the family are inspired by the thought that the head of this big family is the handwork of two good women, the christian mother who bore him and the good woman who became his wife when he was nineteen years of age. By her loving care and influence, she helped him to become the man he is.

She became the mother of the Thompson family and practically gave her life for them and others. Born in Pennsylvania, her life work was continent wide. She sleeps in the bosom of Mother Earth on the Pacific coast, but her good influence goes on down the generations, for she taught her sons and daughters to love and respect their God and their country. They in turn are handing her teachings down to their sons and daughters. Hence, even the youngest member of the family, a babe in arms, will become a better citizen because of the life and work of this good woman and loyal mother, whose memory the Thompson family revere.

Fifty nine members of the family were present at the family round-up. The eldest son, A. C. Thompson is president; Chas. W. Thompson, of Pasadena, honorary president; N. W. Thompson of Moro, vice president; Lilah Hall, of Moro, secretary-treasurer; C. A. Nish, of Mikkaio, corresponding secretary.

Letters were read from several members of the family who were unable to be present. N. W. Thompson, Mayor of Moro, was the orator of the day, his subject being "The Family Tree." Recitations, readings, musical selections, reading of the minutes of the last re-union, roll call and impromptu speeches from several members of the family, made up the program.

Those attending, in addition to the eastern Oregon members of the family, were Jesse R. Thompson, wife and daughter, of Portland. The eastern Oregon members present were: Emma Elliott, Joshu Elliott, George A. Meloy, George E. Meloy Jr., Marjorie Meloy, J. O. Elliott, Nora Elliott, Ester Meloy, Geo. E. Meloy Sr., Eugene Elliott, Lila Bull, Max Bull, Hollis Bull, Lucretia Adlard, Chas Adlard, N. W. Thompson, Ella Thompson, Maxine Henrichs, Lloyd Henrichs, A. C. Thompson, Rosie Thompson, J. R. Thompson, Lottie Thompson, Corrinne Thompson, C. J. Thompson, Roy Thompson, Orval Thompson, Faye Thompson, Doris Thompson, Martin Melzer, Edna Melzer, Norma Melzer, Lois Melzer, Dewey Thompson, Inez Thompson, Teddie Thompson, Elden Thompson, Harriet Nish, A. Nish, C. A. Nish, Hazel Nish, Vance Nish, Marjorie Nish, S. A. Hall, Lilah Hall, Hope Hall, Earl Thompson, Anna Thompson, Blanche Thompson, Ezra Thompson Jr., James Hinkle, Opal Hinkle, Ralph Hinkle, Hester Hinkle, Oleta Hinkle, Chas. Bullard, Myra Bullard, Florence Bullard, Roxy Thompson.

Ben W. Olcott, ex-governor of Oregon, has accepted a position with the credit department of the Bank of Italy of San Francisco, Cal., according to word brought to Portland by friends of Mr. Olcott.

According to statistics compiled by Deputy Collector of Customs R. D. Lamb at Astoria, 82 vessels loaded a grand total of \$2,820,996 feet of lumber which left the Columbia river in cargoes during the month.

CHURCH NEWS
Notes of Interest to All
Local Denominations

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach at Spaulding chapel next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

The usual union evening service will be held in the Methodist church, Rev. U. C. Smothers preaching the sermon.

Rev. W. L. Dillinger will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Members and friends are urged to be present.

Next Sunday morning, June 10th, at the Presbyterian church, owing to the absence of the pastor, the service will be in charge of the Session. The speaker for the morning will be Claude J. Thompson.

An exceptionally large size congregation assembled last Sunday evening at Grass Valley in honor of the special service commemorative of Memorial Day. A musical program consisting of patriotic songs and selections by the Grass Valley band was a feature of the evening service. Rev. U. C. Smothers delivered the address.

The missionary drama given by Mrs. U. C. Smothers, assisted by fourteen girl pupils of the Sunday School, at the Methodist church last Sunday at the Sunday School hour, was the most impressive exercise of this character given in Moro for a long time. Arrangements are being made to repeat the drama on the 24th at DeMoss.

The topic for discussion at the Christian Science Church next Sunday morning will be "God, the Only Cause and Creator." The Golden text is taken from Revelation 4: 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Responsive reading is from Psalms 136: 1, 4-9, 14, 23-36.

Miss Mattie Graybeal of Grandview, Washington, who was a guest at the home of Reverend and Mrs. U. C. Smothers last week sang at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and at the union service Sunday evening. Miss Graybeal is a soloist of rare ability and the people of Moro who attended church Sunday greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear her. She is also an untiring worker in the musical activities of the church, in the Sunday school and the Epworth League. Miss Graybeal is teacher of languages in the high school at Grandview, Washington.

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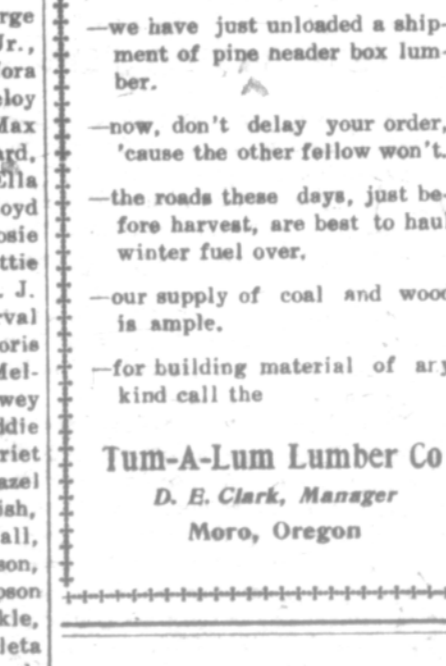
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